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Dear Mrs. Gibbons,

x x x x x x As I said to you
that I would write again, after seeing Mr.
Garrison, I will briefly name our conclusions.

1. Mr. Garrison sees clearly the necessity of
an efficient support, in your city, to the
Fugitive Slave cause.

2. At the same time he agrees fully, I think,
with the general idea expressed in my letter
to you, (a copy of which I read to him, with
your letter,) that the Fair in New York should
stand as soon as possible, immediately if
possible, on the basis alone of aid to the American
Anti-Slavery Society.

3. He inclines to think it is possible, to take
this ground now; and, if it might be so, this
seems the very moment to set it on foot.
The Boston Bazaar being dead, the large foreign
contributions will actually seek a market, —
a nucleus; — for Philadelphia cannot dispose
of the fourth part of what has been regularly sent

to Boston. Mr. G. suggests that yourself, Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Haydock, Mrs. Shaw, and several others, would really be a strong corps to ^{go} forward in the work. — Help from Boston should be on hand, as you might call for it.

4. He counsels the formation of a Committee on Fugitives, — a vigilance com^{tee} ~~or~~ (or what ever the name), on some such basis as this:

Form it of persons representing all the phases of ^{the} Anti-Slavery ^{movement} ~~action~~, which can honestly & harmoniously work together for the object. For instance — besides such persons as Gay, O. Johnson, Mr. G. & yourself, Wm. A. Hall, Rowland Johnson, &c. &c. (members of the Am. A. S. Society) bring in ^{several, — if possible,} ~~one or more~~ from Mrs. Sloan's Society (Covenanters) — the same, if possible, from the other Covenanter Society, — the same from the Free Will Baptist Society, or Societies. Probably some additions might be made from E. H. Chapin's society, from Henry W. Bellows's, from Dr. Cheever's, from H. C. Beecher's & Mr. Storrs's ~~society~~ at Brooklyn, and from the Wesleyans if there are any such in your city. It seemed to us that a

strong committee could thus be formed, who
could command readily all means needful.
Such societies as the 2 Covenanters, the F. B. Baptists,
and in time if not at once, Beecher's, Storrs's, Bellows's,
Chapin's & Cheever's, would be readily induced
to pledge an annual contribution to the Aid
of the ^{passing through New York city.} fugitives. Then you could fall back on
the whole State of New York, calling on its
religious societies of every name, (in all
places except such as Albany, Syracuse, &
Rochester, which are already extensive "Underground
R. R. Depots") for Contributions to the fugitives' cause.

That being provided for, (and Mr. Garrison
thought that all would be satisfied with this
arrangement, provided there seemed a good
prospect of accomplishing it,) the way would
be cleared for making the American Anti-
Slavery Society the direct and single object
of the New York A. S. Fair.

5. When arrived at this point, we could all
heartily call on the Webbs and Haughtons and
Patons and Wighams and Welshes and Estlins
and Carpenters and Massies and Whitelegges
and Steinthals, and all the rest of them, to turn

a friendly eye to New York, and receive a
forward collections for your Fair.

This, I believe, was the substance of our conversation. We heartily agreed that we times make a loud appeal to the New York ladies and other friends to do what they can to set up, at once, a Fair, which shall be a substitute, and soon more than a compensation for that we have so strangely lost in Boston.

I trust, that you have heard, or soon will hear
from Garrison ~~that~~ which will strengthen the
views I have presented, or which will modify them
them more feasible, if such effect be needful.

Course, we await to hear your decision with an
 deep interest, and would entreat you to be of a
 courage & a lively faith. Neither Mr. J. nor
 would, of course, counsel any abrupt severance
 of ties which connect you with any of your
 present helpers in the Fair. But we think
 if full, independent, & reliable provision be made
 for the Vig. ^{ce} Comtee, no valid objection can come
 from any quarter to pledging the whole avails of
 Fair to the Am.ⁿ A. S. Society.

I expect to meet Mr. Larsson at a County m.
tomorrow evg. - If he has not written to you I s.
urge his doing so without further loss of time.